

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 28 on page 24 of the specification and continuing through line 10 on page 25 of the specification as follows:

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--After the process, a process extracting dotted lines from the image data 12 is implemented by using the result of line segment extracting process (step S 25). The process extracting dotted line is implemented by using a well known dotted line extracting process. The well known dotted line extracting process is for example a technique proposed by the applicant of the present invention described in Japanese Laid Open Patent Application 505527/950527/9. By the technique, patterns where same size patterns are placed regularly are extracted as a solid dotted line and the patterns are approximated to same rectangle process as the line. The extracted line (a solid line) and the dotted line are implemented by same process as the ruled line without distinction between them. By the process, a sheet containing ruled lines of dotted lines can be processed exactly after the process.--